(b) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed and persons identified; and

(c) whether any pecuniary penalties been imposed on such officials?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) According to information made available by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi certain observation has been made by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in their report ending March, 2003 but it is not correct to say that Delhi Government has suffered a loss due to decisions made during the unbundling of the Delhi Vidyut Board. Certain modifications were carried out in the original Transfer Scheme/Policy Directions including reduction of Transmission and Distribution Loss (Aggregate Technical and Commercial Loss) targets by the Government, based on the recommendations made by the Core Committee.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pong Dam in Himachal Pradesh

†2145. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the construction of Pong Dam in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, an agreement was reached under which a Shah canal was to be constructed in Punjab which was then to be used for irrigation in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this canal has not been built so far in Punjab; and

(c) if so, whether it does not amount to the violation of the conditions of the agreement and if so, the efforts made by the Government of India to construct Shah canal and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Transitional solution to revive Dabhol Power Project

2146. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring a transitional solution to revive the beleaguered Dabhol Power Project;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all outstanding legal issues have been settled to get the power plant running and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether majority equity holders GE and Bechtel to sell their stakes; and

(e) whether the outcome of the arbitration proceedings and outstanding debt has been resolved and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) An empowered Group of Ministers has been set up to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol Power Project, keeping all relevant aspects in view.

Revival of DPC by foreign investors

2147. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing guarantee to a SPV to be floated by the FIs in a bid to revive the Dabhol Power Company and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the amount of loans of export credit agencies lying outstanding at present against DPC;

(c) whether entire amount is recoverable from the sale of DPC assets and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the 2144-MW power plants will become operational?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a), (c) and (d) An empowered Group of Ministers has been set up to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol Power Project, keeping all relevant aspects in view.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Measures to reduce distribution losses of electricity

2148. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has urged both public and private sector